GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO SHOPPING MALLS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Commissioner (South-West) has completed public hearing in the matter of granting environmental clearance to Vasant Kunj shopping malls;

(b) whether the Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs) and local residents are against the construction of Vasant Kunj shopping malls;

(c) whether the said malls are being constructed under 'funnel area'; and

(d) the details of the recommendations made by Deputy Commissioner (South-West) in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the public hearing held on 19-20 June, 2006, representatives of many of the RWAs and local residents have expressed their reservations against the construction of Vasant Kunj Shopping Malls.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Under the EIA Notification, the panel conducting the public hearing is authorised to record the proceedings and forward it to the Regulatory Authority viz. Ministry of Environment and Forests without necessarily drawing any conclusions or recommendations. MoEF has received the proceedings of the public hearing conducted by Deputy Commissioner (South-West Delhi) in the matter without specific recommendations